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REFTEL IS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF PRECISELY TYPE AND TIMING OF DEPART-MENT GUIDANCE AND BACKGROUND THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT USG OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA. TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMITTAL TO MILAN MUCH APPRECIATED AND TRANSFORMS USEFUL BACKGROUND INTO IMMEDIATELY VALUABLE GUIDANCE FOR USE WITH LOCAL PRESS AND ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP.

AS MTN'S PROCEED WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY ROME MIGHT CONSIDER EXPERIMENTING WITH PERIODIC GUIDANCE (SAY MONTHLY) TO POSTS SUCH AS MILAN LAYING OUT SPECIFIC THEMES WHICH POSTS COULD STRESS IN SUPPORT OF US NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF NEGOTIATION. WHILE I CANNOT PROMISE THAT OUR PRESSING OF SUCH THEMES LOCALLY WOULD INFLUENCE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION IN EC, IT MIGHT BE WORTH A TRY ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRECISE ISSUES WHERE IMPORTANT NORTHERN ITALIAN INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED - E.G. MOST OF INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, DAIRY PRODUCTS, RICE, FEED GRAINS AND FRESH FRUITS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BACKGROUND PROVIDED REFTEL ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO MILAN SINCE MAJOR ITALIAN PRESS LOCATED HERE AND, WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS, ECONOMIC COVERAGE OF US ACTIVITIES PUTS US AIMS AND ACTIONS IN CYNICAL, SELFISH AND PREDATORY LIGHT. WE CAN HOPE TO DILUTE THIS NEGATIVE SLANT ONLY WHEN PROVIDED WITH TIMELY AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION JUST-IFYING MAJOR US NEGOTIATING GOALS AS BEING IN THE GENERAL INTEREST. FINA

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